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For: NEEDLELESS SYRINGE OPERATING WITH A DEVICE GENERATING A SHOCK

WAVE THROUGH A WALL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, and after entry of the annexes to the IPER, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3, and 5-9 as follows:

3. (Amended) The needleless syringe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the shock wave generator device (3) produces a plane shock wave on the upstream face (5) of the fixed barrier (4).

5. (Amended) The needleless syringe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that each cavity (7) has a form of revolution about an axis parallel to the direction of propagation of the shock wave.

6. (Amended) The needleless syringe as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a plurality of cavities are distributed on the downstream face (6) of said barrier (4).